this, you blue-bottle * rogue[6]! you filthy famished
correctioner! if you be not swinged, I'll forswear
half-kirtles[7].

* Folio, *blew-bottled.*

vol. i. p. 141.) we are told that Lord Paget's house was so small that "after one month it would wax *unsavery* for hym to contynue in." &c. Again, from the Correspondence of the Earl of Shrewsbury with Lord Burleigh, during the confinement of Mary Queen of Scots at Sheffield-castle, in 1572 (see vol. ii. p. 68.) we learn that her Majesty was to be removed for five or six days "to klense her chambar, *being kept very unklenly.*"

Again, in a Memoir written by Anne Countess of Dorset, Pembroke, and Montgomery, 1603: "— we all went to Tibbals to see the Kinge, who used my mother and my aunt very gracioslie: but we all saw a great chaunge betweene the fashion of the Court as it was now, and of y* in y^e Queene's *for we were all lowzy In/ sittinge in S^r Thomas Erskins chamber.*" See Mr. Seward's Anecdotes, &c. vol. iv. p. 305. STEEVENS.

[6] —blue-bottle-rogue!] A name, I suppose, given to the beadle from the colour of his livery. JOHNSON.

Dr. Johnson is right with respect to the *livery*, but the allusion seems to be to the great flie/z^#y, commonly called a *blue-bottle.* FARMER.

The same allusion is in Northward Hoe, 1607:

" Now *blue-bottle!* what flutter you for sea-pie? "*

The serving men were anciently habited in *blue*, and this is spoken on the entry of one of them. It was natural for Doll to have an aversion to the colour, as a *blue gown* was the dress in which a strumpet did penance. So, in The Northern Lass, 1633: "— let all the good you intended me be a lockram coif, *tiblew gown*, a wheel, and a clean whip." Mr. Malone confirms Dr. Johnson's remark on the dress of the beadle by the following quotation from Michaelmas Term, by Middleton, 1607: "And to be free from the interruption of *blue* beadles and other bawdy officers, he most politickly lodges her in a constable's house." STEEVENS.

* —half-kirtles.] Probably the dress of the prostitutes of that time. JOHNSON.

A *half-kirble* was perhaps the same kind

of thing as we call at present a short-gown or a bed-gown. There is a proverbial expression now in use which may serve to confirm it. When a person is loosely dressed, the vulgar say—Such a one looks like **ft** w---i[illegible] bed-gown. See Westward Hoe, by Decker and Webster, 1607: "—forty shillings I lent her to redeem two *half-silk forties*." STEEVENS.

The dress of the courtezans of the time confirms Mr. St^evens's